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Special Agents (SAs) the Washington Metropolitan Field	and	
Metropolitan Resident Agency), Wasi		Jimia
that he was being contacted regard	ing his relationship	with
Congressman JOSEPH KOLTER of the S		
provided the following in		
	at he had first come	
with Congressman KOLTER approximat	ely ten years ago. I	He stated
that his wife (who recently passed	away) was involved i	rii ciie
local Democratic organization, and	had become involved	with the
election of Congressman KOLTER in that up to the time that his wife	1982.	stated
directly involved with any of Cong		
however, since her death he became		lfor
the Congressman's re-election. He		
located in Beaver Falls. Pennsylva		
who was		stated that
he was strictly a volunteer and re	ceived no compensation	on
whatsoever for his work.		
advised the accept and record contributions the campaign and to issue checks for the stated that among these checks for either postage stamps, and checks for "friends" of Congreassistance in running for a partice stated that he issued check district office as needed. With the for various office supplies, Congreasure all checks as new was provided a receipt for the Kolter.	he campaign's expense duties as were the is bulk mail, campaign I ssman KOLTER who required for office suppled to the exception of small essman KOLTER directed eeded and in turn,	KOLTER  es essuing of literature, b6 lested his b7C  lies at the l checks
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stated that to the best of his knowledge better the \$2.500.00 check or the \$4,800.00 check was originally requested by for a "pro-life group" donation, the name of which cannot recall. However, learned that whichever of these checks was suppose to be for the pro-life group, it was ultimately used for campaign mass mailing, and that Congressman KOLTER had changed his mind regarding the donation to the pro-life group. stated that it was common practice that when the Congressman requested a check for campaign mass mailing it was forwarded directly to his office in Washington, D. C.

and every check that was issued to Congressman KOLTER was

stated that it was the practice that each

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payable to the Postmaster, Washington, D. C., in the amount of \$4,800.00 for campaign mailing; and May 2, 1991, payable to the Postmaster, Washington, D. C., in the amount of \$2,000.00 for

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records, bank. He \$2,5000.0 requested Congressm to genera	by a receipt, which including the canceled check stated however that for the concept of these receipts several times and that these checks were for stated that this trouble accounting principles and these amounts to the F.E.C.	ks when reture \$2,000.00 of ipts, even thes, and was tor mass campaled him as the had misgi	check and dough he cold by the aign mailings was continued to the continued above.	the the e ng. ntrary		o6 o7C
that he w 10/10/90, Office of	Regarding the \$4,800.00 cheseveral times for a receipt was finally provided a handwith bearing the title "U.S. How the Postmaster, Washington 0.00 and signed by	for this exp ritten receip use of Repres	ot that was sentatives	and s dated ,		
900 Brent \$50.00, t for fund payment o nothing a post offi permit th	of monies for postal permits about any arrangements or proceed in Washington, D. C. He nat he was familiar with was alls, Pennsylvania, which was	le to the U.S , D.C., in the Second that he was second to the second that he was stated that at the local	s. Postmas ne amount of sed by communities was aware of a permit of the only of post off.	E.C. because ter, of mittee of the knows at the postage in	6 7c	•
Washingto \$506.00; April 22,	was asked about to the F.E.C., which were a con, D. C.: October 28, 1985 February 19, 1986, \$300.00; 1987, \$1,200.00; and May 2 for \$2,500.00.	ll issued to , \$700.00; Fe October 7, 1	the Postmary 18 1986, \$8,2	aster, , 1986, 25.00;	b6 b7C	
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issued, according to the F.E.C. report, was dated May 2, 1991, to the U.S. Postmaster, Washington, D. C. in the amount of \$2,000.00, and was issued for postage for mailing.

stated that the only time that he was aware that Congressman KOLTER gave stamps to "someone else" was for a friend who was running for a political office (whose name cannot recall) in the State of Pennsylvania. He stated that these stamps were given to this individual for

stated that he had noticed large numbers of American flags, and that these flags were sold for various amounts at the Beaver Falls District Office. He stated that these flags were in three

numbers of American flags in the District Offices. L

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KOLTER. Then, in approximately the year 1986 went to work in Washington, D. C. as Congress	t he for ( or :	Congr <u>essma</u> 1987,	met an	b6 b7C	
was asked about his k issued in the amount of \$200.00 (almost on a Computer Services Incorporated, during the pe to April, 1990. explained that "owned" by he stated that thi was to computerize mailings that were sent ou organize various campaign information for the including F.E.C. reports prepared by stated that the \$200.00 per check issued was he noted that at times he felt that the work service was sub-par, while at other times he was more than the standard \$200.00 payment. in all, this amount balanced out over the mon was done.	month riod this KOLTI s con t by Cond a con done felt He s	hly basis) January, s company ER's mpany's pu KOLTER ar gressman himself. nstant fee for this the work tated that	to 1988 is urpose nd to He e, and done t all	Ъ6 Ъ7С	
was asked of his know republican in the State of Pennsylvania by th (phonetic). He stated that he was awa individual was a for the Republicant however, he himself cannot recall ever making and he cannot recall Congressman KOLTER ever anything to this individual.	e las re tl blicas a cl	st name of hat this n Party, heck out t			
summarized by stating political person", and only became involved i re-election committee for something to do. H personally likes Congressman KOLTER, however, times he was "absent minded," which could exp forward to a receipt for a larg him. Also, he stated that he does not know t future plans inasmuch as he was not nominated however, noted that the Congressman is curren prostate cancer. The extent of this illness known by	n the state of the control of the co	e Congress ated that ted that why he di eck issued ongressman re-electi suffering	sman's he at id not d by n's ion, from	b6 b7С	

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for Congr accompany 1992.	At the conclusion of the ly provided to the intervessman KOLTER's re-electiing receipts, for the per	iewing agents on campaign a iod July 1, 1	s well as 989 to June 		
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HAS GIVEN HIS CONSENT. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS ENTIRE	
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WILL OCCUR WITHIN THE NEXT 30 DAYS. WILL EXECUTE AN	D/L
FD-473 AND WILL TESTIFY IN COURT IF NECESSARY. THE RECORDING	
DEVICE (CCTV) WILL ONLY BE ACTIVATED WHEN IS PRESENT.	
U.S. ATTORNEYS OPINION: ON 9/14/92, AUSAS	
AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, ADVISED THAT THEY	b6
CONCURRED WITH THE USE OF THIS INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUE AND	b7C
OPINED THAT THERE WAS NO ENTRAPMENT IN THE USE OF DEVISE.	
CCTV WILL BE UNDER CONTROL OF THE FBI AT ALL TIMES.	
WMFO PLA, SA HAS REVIEWED THE REQUEST	
AND CONCURS WITH THIS OPERATION.	
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AUSTIN MURPHY (	Democrat - Pennsylva	ania) appeared at the	Judiciary
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present for the	: interview were Spec	cial Agent (SA)	b7c
Federal	. Bureau of Investiga	ation, <u>Washington. D.</u>	<u>C</u>
Assistant Unite	<u>ed States Attorneys</u>		and
L	Accompanying	<u>at</u> the inter	
her attorney,		was asked	l to
provide informa	ttion regarding her	job description and	
relationship wi	th Congressman MURPI.	HY. She provided the	following
information:			-
		she was born in	
		owever, noted that she	
raised in Linco	oln, Nebraska. While	e working for a law f:	irm in b7C
Dallas, Texas,	her father became to	erminally ill and in	1985 she
returned to Lir	coln to care for him	m. She stated that in	n 1987 she
came to Washing	iton, D. C., subseque	ent to her father's d	eath, and
pecame employed	on a Congressional	Judiciary Committee :	in the
House of Repres	sentatives. In June	, 1988, she became awa	are of the
fact that Congr	essman MURPHY was i	n need of a	
	_applied for this pa	osition whi <del>ch she eve</del>	ntually
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interviewed by		ngressman MURPHY. She	
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Congressman, ar	nd prior to him,		_
	stated that	among her duties for	the
Congressman are	; schedu <u>ling his app</u>	pintments, answering	the phone,
and performing		duties. Also, now the	
an	she handle	s the Congressional a	llowance b7
reagers for the	: Congressman for hi	s Washington, D. C. o	ffice as
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Also, she state	d that she maintains	s a close liaison wit	n the
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r n e r i s r	'franked" postage s number mu and taken postage s dentific stamps.	ere from two to envelopes. Req	arding the product of the stated that either in type stated. She ed, the employed he voucher which she believes the bers inasmuch a	of mail that cedure for ohe a voucher with the stated that we must show the shows recent the members the postal	require ptaining th a control n or in pen when the his or her eipt of the ers are not employees	ጌ ፖ

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person in Congressman MURPHY's office who may request stamps is Congressman MURPHY himself. He also must sign the voucher authorizing the purchase of these stamps. She stated that the Congressman always prefers his stamps in sheets, rather than in rolls. She could think of no reason why he had this preference. She stated that the Congressman kept these sheets of stamps in his desk drawer. She stated that she was unaware of how many sheets at one time he kept there, or what was the greatest amount of stamps he kept at any one time. She stated that she was always allocated a specific amount of stamps for her need, and that when the other staffers needed stamps, they would come to her. She stated that she could recall no time when the staffers would go directly to Congressman MURPHY for stamps.

She stated that her need for stamps per month varied depending upon how many "non-frankable items" she mailed out. She stated that generally those items which required postage stamps were thank you cards, congratulatory letters/cards, overseas mail, and correspondence which contained a selfaddressed return envelope. She stated that she could not give an "average" number of items which required stamps per month. could only guess that ten would be an average number. She stated that twenty to thirty items "could be a lot". She stated that it was not uncommon for other staffers in the office to come to her for stamps. Generally one, two, three, or four were requested at a time for non-frankable correspondence. She stated that she can recall no one staffer who would come to her more often than the others for stamps. She stated that generally when she gets down to two to four postage stamps herself, she would go to Congressman MURPHY for an additional supply. She stated that he would generally tear off a portion of stamps from a sheet and give them to her. She stated that there was no set number of stamps he would give her each time. On a few occasions when the Congressman was not in his office, she would go into his drawer where the stamps were kept (which was unlocked) and take whatever she needed. She stated that she did not know how many sheets of stamps were in there on these occasions. stated that she never bought stamps from the House Post Office on her own but only at the request of Congressman MURPHY. It was her impression that he kept track of the amount of stamps in the office, and made decisions on when to purchase them. She can recall no time when he never had any stamps in the office.

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Congressman MURPHY had with f	Congressman, however, she herself
as part of her responsibilities for the office. She stated to the where she records the expense Congressman's Washington, D. offices as well. She stated expense every time it is recessometimes she does not get to the She stated that the expenses	C. office but the six district that she does not record each ived by her, and noted that the ledger book for several weeks. incurred for each month are as and vouchers and/or the monthly
stamps are to be maintained in proximity to her desk. She so to anybody" in the office. So why any of the staff members in their desk, however, the be maintained in the file cat	that the vouchers for purchase of n a file cabinet which is in close tated that these vouchers are "open he stated that there was no reason b6 could not keep a group of vouchers b7c ulk of the vouchers are supposed to inet next to her desk. She stated he maintained the ledger books, maintained these books.  b6 b7C
saying she never questioned to stated that these stamps coul the district offices either to Congressman MURPHY or any of the Congressman's district in had never discussed stamp pur MURPHY's request for her to present the congressman's district in had never discussed stamp pur MURPHY's request for her to present the congressman's district in had never discussed stamp pur discussions and discussions are discussed as a stamp pur discussion and discussions are discussed as a stamp pur discussion and discussions are discussed as a stamp pur discussion and discussions are discussed as a stamp pur discussion and discussions are discussions are discussions are discussions and discussions are discussed as a stamp pur discussions are discussions. The discussions are discussions. The discussions are discussions are discussions are discussions are discussions are discussions. The discussions are discussions are discussions are discussions are discussions are discussions. The discussions are discussions are discussions are discussions are discussions are discussi	opinion on the number of stamp MURPHY's office, she responded by he reasons or the purpose. She d often times been sent to anyone of y mail or hand carried by the other staff members who live in Pennsylvania. She stated that she chases or questioned Congressman purchase stamps until May, 1992 when the Post Office was made public by the

In July, 1992, Congressman MURPHY had requested her to prepare a stamp purchase voucher for the next day for her to purchase stamps. She stated that feeling uncomfortable with this

media. At the time, Congressman MURPHY stated that his office

was not going to change it's stamp purchase procedure.

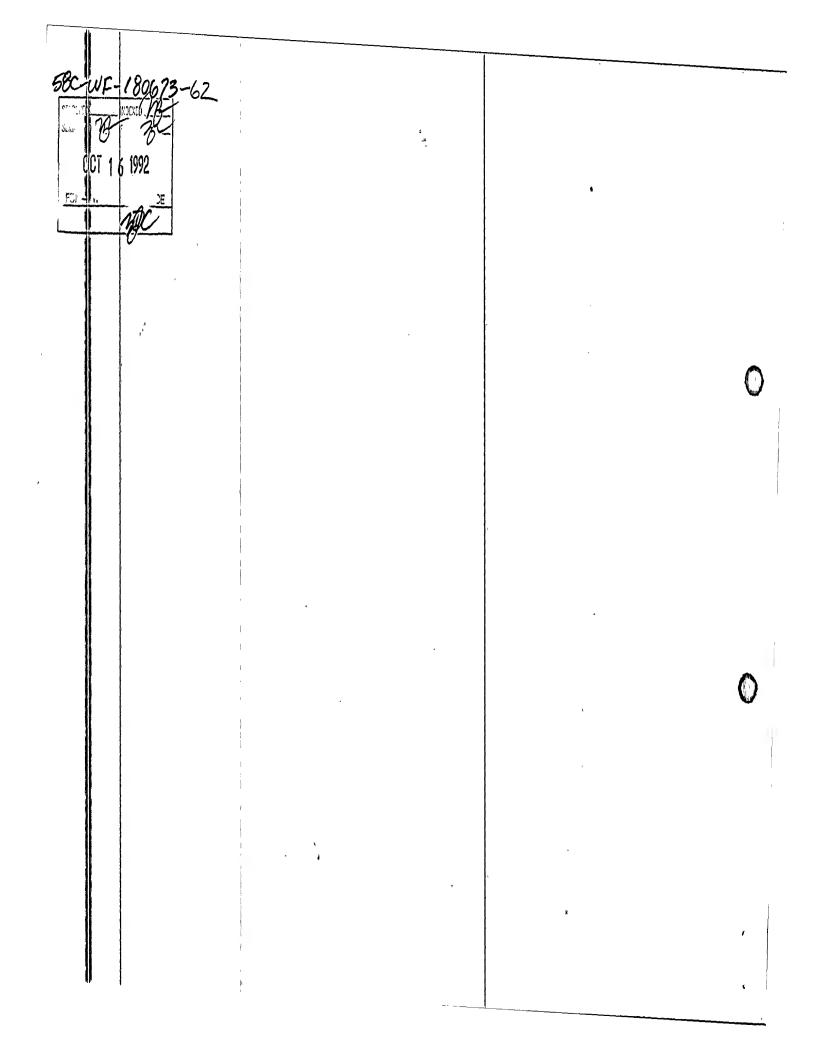
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anything charge of do with t and she s	Regarding mass ma office, in this regard. S this. She stated the Congressman's c tated that she can by either her or a	stated that she ne stated that that in general, ampaign and/or re- recall no time wh	she has electionen star	ot han is noth on eff	dle <sup>b70</sup> in ing to orts, re	7 )
along wel them. Sh members d questione they had her month she knows the media for the g	Regarding her relessman MURPHY's off I with everyone, he stated that she is in the office, and their duties, passigned for on the lay expenses. She is about Congressman Subsequent to the state of this matter with essman MURPHY's off	ice, sowever, does not 'knows little of what she reconstruction and stated that she wouchers that she stated that the or MURPHY's stamp put the time that she reconstruction one, particular	stated discount the has ne bunt of received archases	that s ize" w other ever stamp es to ormati s was i her adv	he gets ith staff s that record on that through subpoens ised her orkers	b6 b7C b3
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Criminal Investigative Division

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TO:

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OFFICIALS - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

RE:

WMFO teletype dated 9/24/92

ENCL:

Memorandum from the Director dated 9/25/92

To advise the WMFO Division of approval by the Department of Justice for consensual monitoring and CCTV beginning 9/29/92 and ending 11/27/92.

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum from the Director to the Office of Enforcement Operations (OEO), Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), upon which OEO authorized you to use a transmitting and/or recording device and closed circuit television (CCTV). These authorities are for a 60-day period commencing 9/29/92 and ending 11/27/92.

You are to submit an FD-621 within 30 days of the expiration of this authorization furnishing information regarding use of this equipment in accordance with MIOG, Part II, Section 10-10.3(9).

In the event a renewal of this authority is deemed warranted, submit your request with full justification at least seven days prior to the expiration of the existing authority, in compliance with MIOG, Part II, Section 10-10:3(9).

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Office of Enforcement Operations

DSeptember 25, 1992

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Enclosed is a copy of a communication which furnishes information concerning a current investigation.

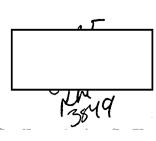
> Pursuant to the Attorney's General's Memorandum of November 7, 1983, captioned "Procedures for Lawful, Warrantless Interceptions of Verbal Communications," addressed to the Heads and Inspectors General of Executive Departments and Agencies, the following notification request s being made relative to the authorization to utilize an electronic device to monitor and record private non-telephonic conversations with the consent of a party. '

\_\_Pursuant to Attorney General's Order Number 985-82, dated August 6, 1982, captioned "Delegation of Authority to Authorize Television Surveillance," the following notification request is being made relative to the authorization to utilize Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) surveillance in connection with captioned matter.

1.	Emergency authority to utilize an electronic device to record private non-telephonic conversations with the consent of a party was granted by an appropriate FBI official on, for 30 days ending
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2.	Emergency authorization to utilize Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) surveillance in connection with captioned matter was granted by appropriate FBI official on
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Memorandum from Director, FBI to Office of Enforcement Operations RE: PLATE BLOCK; CORRUPTION OF FEDERAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS - OTHER

3.	As further utilization of an electronic device to monitor and record private non-telephonic conversations with the consent of a party is expected in this matter, it is requested that you approve the use of this equipment for a period of 60 days beginning and ending
4.	As further use of CCTV is expected in this matter, it is requested that your office approve the use of this equipment for a period of 60 days beginning
5.	Non-emergency authorization is requested for the utilization of an electronic device to monitor and record private non-telephonic conversations with the consent of a party for a period of 60 days beginning September 29, 1992 and ending November 27, 1992.
6.	Non-emergency authorization is requested for the utilization of CCTV surveillance for a period of 60 days beginning September 29, 1992 and ending November 27, 1992.

The use of these electronic devices in this case is being recommended in the best interest of effective law enforcement in that they are expected to provide corroborative evidence and/or protect the individual(s) utilizing the equipment.

The use of CCTV will not involve any trespass and it will be utilized only when a consenting party is present. The CCTV will be under the care, custody and control of the FBI.

Enclosure

Approved:

(Pursuant to the Authority of the

Attorney General 11-7-83)

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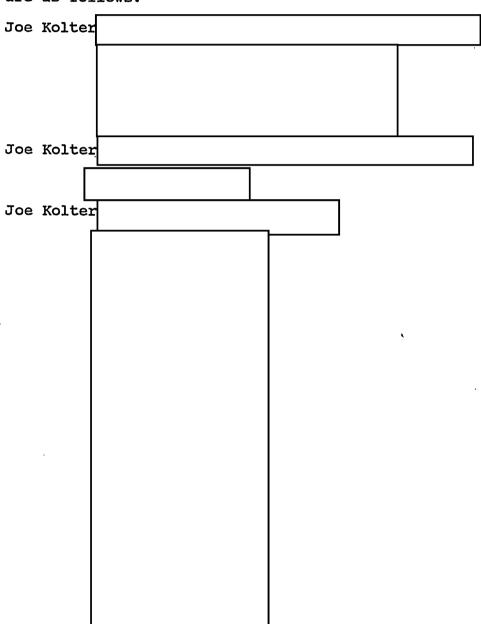
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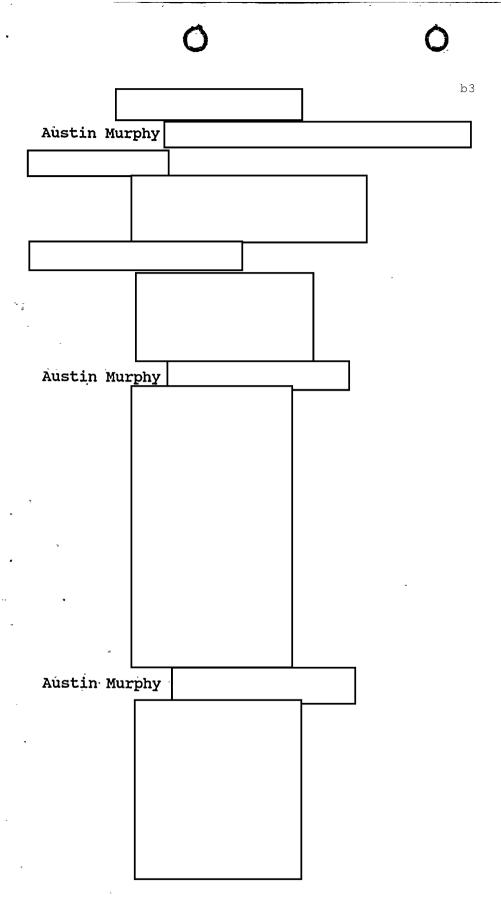
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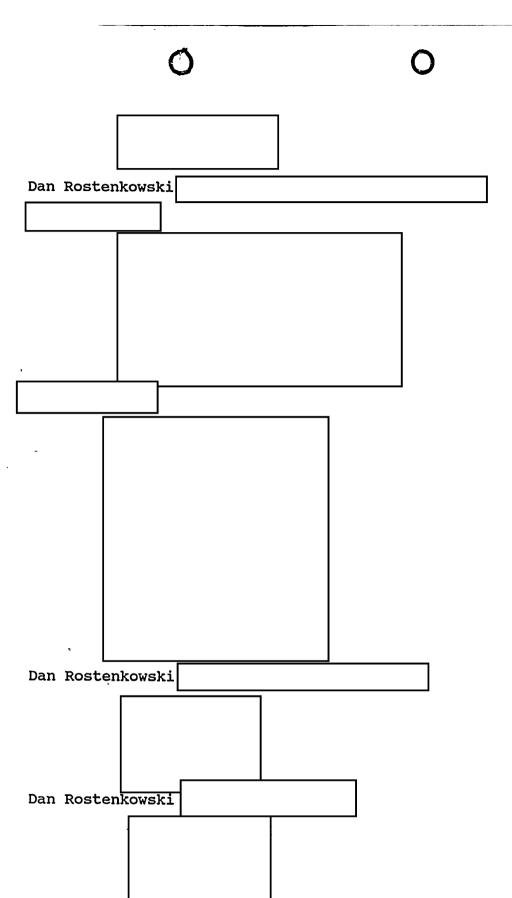
anticipated that these interviews will routine in nature and FBIHQ will be advised of any significant information obtained as a result of any of these interviews.

All of the below listed individuals are currently or formerly associated with Representatives Kolter, Murphy and Rostenkowski, and it is the intention of the PLATE BLOCK investigative team to first serve and interview the persons in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, initially, before contacting those outside the immediate area. The individuals for which FBIHQ subpoena and interview authority is requested are as follows:

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WMFO will coordinate with other respective Field Divisions when travel to those areas is required. It is anticipated that the service and interviews of individuals in the Washington area will commence Wednesday, October 21, 1992.

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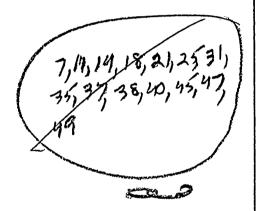
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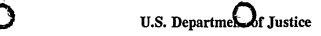
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On 11/18/92 and 12/2/92, the writer obtained copies of numerous memoranda of interviews which were conducted by personnel from the U.S. Postal Service regarding the captioned matter.

These memoranda are attached for inclusion in the case file.

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF FBIHQ, ON 11/6/92, THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SENT LETTERS TO REPRESENTATIVES ROSTENKOWSKI, KOLTER AND MURPHY REQUESTING FINGERPRINTS AND HANDWRITING EXEMPLARS OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS. THESE LETTERS ASKED THAT THESE FINGERPRINTS AND EXEMPLARS BE PROVIDED TO INVESTIGATORS 11/13/92 OR 11/16/92.

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## Ex-Aide to Kolter Indicted in House Post O

By Michael York Washington Post Staff Writer

A federal grand jury investigating the House Post Office yesterday indicted former congressional aide Gerald W. Weaver II on drug, obstruction of justice and conspiracy charges.

Weaver, 37, is a former assistant to Rep. Joe Kolter (D-Pa.), who also has been identified as a subject of the federal investigation. Kolter was defeated in a primary earlier this year.

The grand jury said Weaver cashed \$2,800 in checks at the Post Office to buy cocaine but lied and said the cash was used to buy stamps.

Weaver is the first congressional {

of justice, tampering with a witness and conspiring to commit wire fraud. If convicted on all charges, Weaver could face a maximum sentence of 49 years and fines up to \$500,000. Federal sentencing guidelines could provide for a substantially shorter sentence.

The indictment alleged that Weaver attempted to persuade Magruder not to cooperate with the grand jury by promising him a job in Weaver's lobbying firm, a loan and assistance in finding a lawyer. In addition, the indictment charged Weaver with conspiring with Magruder and others to stage a

theft of a car owned by Weaver's wife and then file a false automobile insurance claim.

Magruder admitted embezzling more than \$13,000 from his stamp drawer at the House Post Office, concealing a material fact from federal investigators and conspiring to distribute drugs. In return, prosecutors agreed to drop a fourth charge, distribution of cocaine, which carries a maximum 25-year sentence.

Earlier this year, the grand jury subpoenaed the expense records from 1986 to April 1992 for Kolter, House Ways and Means Committee A powerful s Rockies and pur yesterday, clos highways, while working in heav giving.

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# Ex-aide on Hill indicted on House postal charges

By Paul M. Rodriguez

A former top aide to Rep. Joe Kolter of Pennsylvania was indicted yesterday by a federal grand jury on charges of obstruction of justice and cashing \$2,800 worth of personal checks at the House post office to buy co-caine.

Gerald W. Weaver II, 37, also was charged with a conspiracy to have his wife's 1987. Toyota Celica stolen in an insurance-fraud scheme, according to the 14-count indictment announced yesterday by U.S. Attorney Jay B. Stephens.

Mr. Weaver, a lawyer and lobbyist in the District, also was charged with tampering with a witness and with conspiring with a former business associate to conceal the nature of the checks used to buy cocaine.

Mr. Stephens said the indictment "demonstrates that we will hold accountable those who seek to impede the ongoing criminal investigation into the operation of the House post office." Six former employees were convicted of a variety of charges, including sales of illegal narcotics and embezzlement.

Three Democratic congressmen — Reps. Dan Rostenkowski of Illinois, Austin Murphy of Pennsylvania and Mr. Kolter — were implicated in the scandal and served subpoenas to appear in person before the grand jury, which is probing whether House expense vouchers used to buy stamps were improperly converted to cash.

While all three congressmen denied any wrongdoing and invoked their Fifth Amendment rights to avoid testifying before the grand jury, they cooperated with other subpoenas for detailed office expense records and access to dozens of current and former congressional and campaign aides.

The indictment of Mr. Weaver alleges that he attempted to impede the grand jury's investigation by getting a former business asso-

ciate to write a letter falsely stating that he purchased about \$2,900 worth of postage for the company at the House post office.

Mr. Weaver allegedly tried to get a former post office employee, Wendell Magruder to conceal his knowledge of the cocaine purchases in return for a loan and a job.

Magruder pleaded guilty to embezzlement and cocaine-related charges and is cooperating with the federal probe, which started after cash shortages were discovered at the post office.

After a series of stories in The Washington Times beginning on Jan. 22, 1992, House lead; er's launched an investigation of the post office. The lawmakers fired Postmaster Robert V. Rôta, 57, in mid-March.

After a six-month inquiry, a special House task force concluded that the post office, which operates as a contractor for the U.S. Postal Service in several locations on the House side of the Capitol, was grossly mismanaged.

"Congressional and federal law enforcement officials who spoke on the condition that they not be identified said that the post office also was used for a variety of illegal activities such as cashing personal and campaign checks for cash and "other monetary services."

The grand jury is probing allegations of embezzlement and narcotics trafficking, said the officials.

In the indictment, Mr. Weaver is charged with buying cocaine from 1984 through Nov. 13, just five days before he allegedly gave false testimony before the grand jury.

Mr. Weaver, whose attorney, Russell F. Canan said "strongly denies these charges," worked for Mr. Kolter from 1983 until 1987, when he became a lobbyist-lawyer.

If convicted of all 14 counts, Mr. Weaver faces a maximum penalty of 49 years in prison and \$2.7 million in fines.

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ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO SQUAD C-9, WMFO (NVMRA), (202) 324-6287.

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Rostenkowski could be severely shaken.
— if not toppled — by the results of a criminal probe into the alleged misuse of \$1.3 million in campaign funds, Time magazine

reported yesterday.

The 18-month-old investigation initially focused on a money-laundering scheme involving the House post office and House members whose stamp purchases appeared excessive.

But the newsweekly reports that investigators believe the stamp purchases by the Illinois Democrat and others were only a small part of a larger scheme to launder campaign funds and convert them for personal use.

The Time story, released to the media yesterday, is in the edition of the magazine that goes on sale to-

Subpoenas issued in the case have made it clear that investigators are looking into whether law-makers or their aides illegally channeled campaign contributions through the House post office, Time says.

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## Rep. Rostenkowski Faces New Pressure Over Use of Funds

By JOHN HARWOOD

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL WASHINGTON — Reports that Rep. Dan Rostenkowski spent \$99,000 in political contributions to rent office space in a family-owned building and to purchase stamps from the House post office could signal mounting political problems for the powerful House Ways and Means chairman.

The Chicago Sun-Times reported that the Illinois Democrat has spent \$73,000 in campaign funds to rent what appears to be a yacant office in a building he owns with his sister. The newspaper also said that two Rostenkowski-controlled political committees had indicated that they spent \$26,000 on stamps from the House post office, in addition to the widely reported \$29,000 in stamp purchases made by his congressional office.

Mr. Rostenkowski disputed the newspaper's claim that he had paid himself to rent a "phantom office," saying he uses the space to store campaign materials and monitor congressional activity on cable television. Aides to the veteran lawmaker yesterday noted that the newspaper reports didn't accuse the lawmaker of illegal actions. "He just is reiterating his previous statement that he has done nothing improper." said a spokesman.

The post office's operations are the subject of a federal grand jury investigation here. Mr. Rostenkowski and two other House members, Pennsylvania Democrats Joseph Kolter and Austin Murphy, declined to testify before the grand jury in July, dismissing the inquiry as a "fishing expedition." The grand jury has subpoenaed at least 20 current and former aides to Mr. Rostenkowski. The lawmaker has denied any wrongdoing, and his aides have said he hasn't been told that he is a target of an investigation.

Earlier this year, it was reported that a former post office employee told prosecutors that the 17-term lawmaker had received cash in exchange for vouchers intended for postage stamps for official use. Six post office employees have pleaded guilty to various charges arising from a criminal investigation of the office's operations that was begun last year by the U.S. attorney.

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Rostenkowski on hook again

By Paul M. Rodriguez'

Rep. Dan Rostenkowski has reported little or no income on his annual financial disclosure statements for a building he owns in Chicago, although his campaign has paid at least \$73,000 to rent space there dur-

Ing the past six years.

The Illinois Democrat; who chairs the powerful tax writing Ways and Means Committee, listed one of two addresses for the building in North-side Chicago as a "rental" in his May 1992 disclosure form but said the venture produced no income. The 1992 form covered calendar, year 1991.

The building, which is worth from \$50,000 to \$100,000 generated from \$200 to \$1,000 in rental income in 1990, according to Mr. Rostenkowski's 1991 disclosure statement.

The Chicago Sun-Times reported this week that his campaign has been renting an office space in the building from at least 1986 and has paid from \$500 to \$1,250 a month for an office in the building the congressman and his elder twin sisters inherited from their father in 1970.

The campaign funds, which have been paid to Nobel Building Accounts, have been listed as rent on public campaign expense reports filed several times a year, with the Federal Election Commission However, until the Sun-Times report it was not known that Nobel Building Accounts was a venture affiliated with the congressman's family

Mr. Rostenkowski's sister, Gladys told the newspaper Friday, that the ground-floor space has been vacant for years and she knew nothing about it being leased for campaign purposes.

But Mr. Rostenkowski, who main,

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tains two full-time congressional offices in Chicago, told the newspaper: "It is a normal office," and when asked who staffs it, he replied: "I am the staff."

Mr. Rostenkowski currently is being investigated by a federal grand: jury in the District for alleged wrongdoing at the House post office, including a stamps-for-cash scheme involving thousands of dollars in congressional expense vouchers.

Mr. Rostenkowski, charged taxpayers and political funds \$55,000 for stamps from the post office since-1986 in several large transactions, the Sun-Times reported yesterday.

The newspaper said Mr. Rostenkowski bought \$1,000 or more in stamps from the House post office on at least 27 occasions.

On the Chicago rental property, a spokesman in Mr. Rostenkowski's office could not explain yesterday why it was reported as a minor profitmaking venture in 1990, but not an income producer a vear later. The spokesman also could not provide.

details about the congressman's ties ito the property or any financial connections Mr. Rostenkowski has with Nobel Building Accounts.

In a 1972 campaign filing, Mr. Rostenskowski listed the Chicago property—located at 1349 West No-bel St.— as headquarters of "Ros-tenkowski for Congress Committee." He also listed his personal residence in an adjacent building around the corner at 1372 West Evergreen St. It is in this back-to-back building complex bordered by Nobel and Evergreen streets that Mr. Rostenkowski's family built at the turn of the century and he has lived in for years

The business and residence build ings apparently are connected inside in at least one section, accord-ing to sources familiar with the structures, where Mr. Rostenkowski and his surviving sister maintain separate residences.

Although Mr. Rostenkowski is a years in the House, he keeps his per sonal life and finances well protected.

For example, while his campaign committee now rents the original Nobel Building Accounts, Mr. Rostenkowski does not list such a venture on his private financial disclosure statements reviewed yesterday by The Times.

House officials and associates of the congressman suggested yesterday that Mr. Rostenkowski has avoided publicly disclosing his ties to Nobel Building Accounts through a series of complicated tax maneu vers that involve his family, including his elder sister and a daughter.

"Just because the man may be intimately involved with his family's affairs doesn't mean that he's done anything illegal," said one of the congressman's associates.

In fact, federal election laws are unclear about such arrangements; as are House ethics rules: Generally. the rules prohibit transactions that may cause a conflict of interest for a member Lawmakers are also banned from enriching themselves well-known public figure after 34 with public funds, such as campaign monies.

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and involvement of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) in July of 1991.

Audits and other investigation conducted by the USPIS found that 9 of the 12 employees responsible for cash and stamps at the HPO were short a total of approximately \$37,000.00 out of a total cash and stamp accountability of approximately \$475,000.00. The USPIS and the Capitol Police determined that certain HPO employees were involved in the embezzlement of Government funds and other illegal activities such as drug trafficking, check kiting, failure to work overtime that was claimed, backdating of mail and the use of special HPO accounts to express mail personal items.

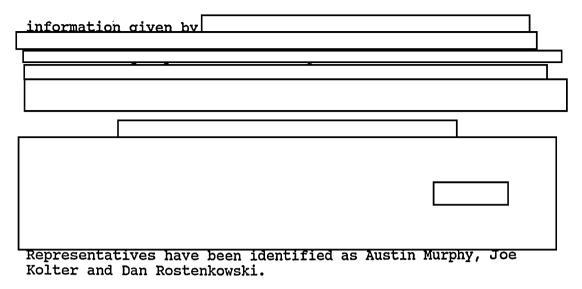
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Per their plea agreements, the above named individuals all agreed to cooperate fully with the government in its investigation of the HPO.

Interviews of these individuals as well as independent investigation conducted by the Capitol Police and the USPIS determined, in addition to these individuals and charges, that the management of the HPO and various Representatives were involved in certain illegal activities. These illegal activities included the improper conversion of U.S. funds allocated for postal expenses to cash for the Representative's personal use and the utilization of the HPO to convert checks, drawn on the Representative's Campaign Fund accounts, to cash for the Representative's personal use.

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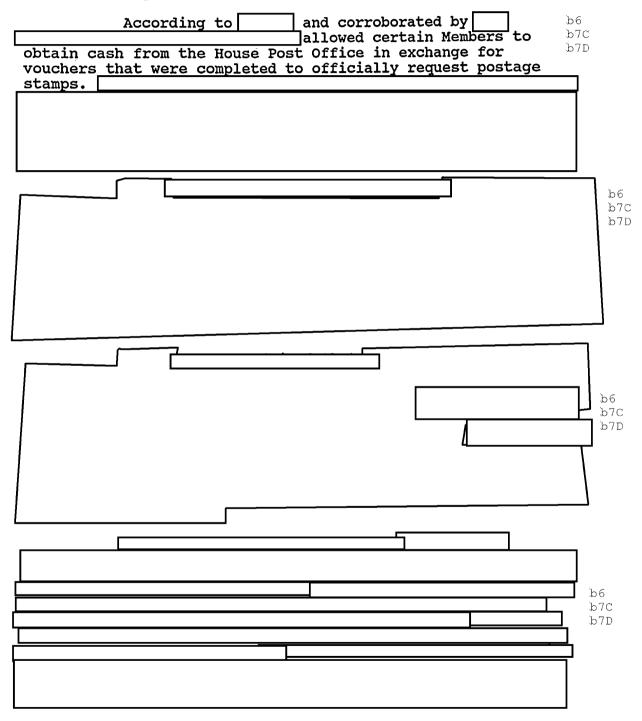
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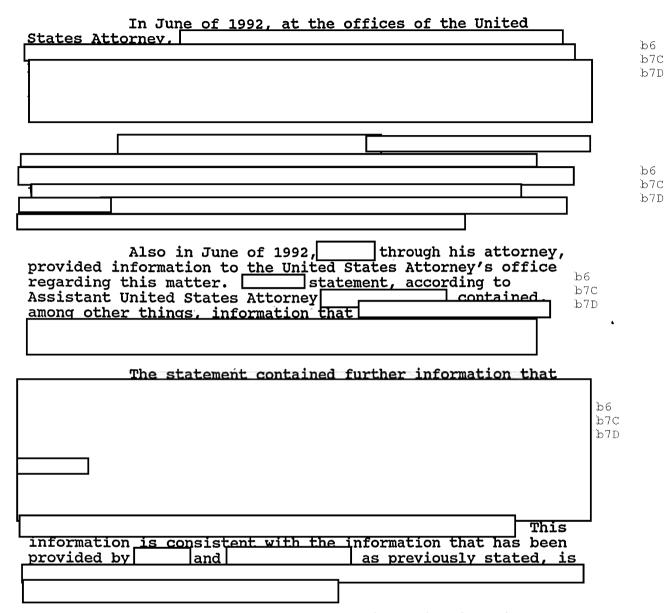
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Besides these three Congressman which are currently under active investigation, this second phase of this investigation has led to the identification of other House officers, staffers and other individuals who have been involved in this scheme or have attempted to obstruct this investigation. These individuals and their current status in this investigation are as follows:

In the way of background information for the Chicago Field Division, the aforementioned vouchers involved in these allegations are used to obtain various office services and supplies, including postage stamps for official mailings. To utilize a voucher to obtain postage stamps, a Member completes the voucher specifying the quantity and price of the item requested, and submits it to the House Post Office. The Member receives the stamps and a copy of the voucher. The original voucher is kept by the Director of

Accountable Papers until he forwards it to the House Finance Committee for reimbursement. After the voucher is paid, the Member's administrative expense account is debited in the amount of the voucher. The paid voucher itself is stored with the disbursing office of the Clerk of the House.





In 1980, WMFO conducted an investigation with parallel allegations regarding this "stamps for cash" scheme. This investigation, which was initiated upon a request for a preliminary investigation from the Department of Justice, centered around information that retiring Members from the House of Representatives were leaving office with large amounts of postage stamps obtained from the House Post Office. This matter was eventually closed as prosecution was declined by the Public Integrity Section of the Department of Justice due to lack of criminal intent on the part of the Members involved.

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Since this time, the Plate Block investigative team, which contains personnel from WMFO, the USPIS and the U.S. Capitol police as well as the three Assistant United States Attorneys assigned to this matter, have subpoen

suppoenaed and interviewed numerous as well as other persons who may have knowledge of these allegations.

The sum and substance of these interviews has been to verify that very few, if any, postage stamps were used in the Washington or District offices of the subjects as Members have the Franking privilege, and most had no knowledge whatsoever that large amounts of stamps were being purchased. Also, corroborative information has been obtained concerning the conversion of campaign funds to cash by creating checks made payable to the HPO for postage expenses and then having these checks redeemed by the HPO Postmaster for cash.

Further, it is realized that there exists the distinct possibility that this practice may not have been limited to just the three Representatives currently under investigation. Efforts are being made to determine if additional members of Congress were involved in this scheme. It is WMFO's belief that additional allegations identifying

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Additionally, recent allegations have arisen regarding the possibility that U.S. Government funds as well as campaign funds mays have been illegally utilized by Rostenkowski. These allegations stem from Federal Grand Jury testimony as well as recent articles published in various newspapers. These allegations, which currently are being actively pursued, center around the questionable ownership and payments of rent of office space in Chicago at 1347-1349 North Noble St., which Rostenkowski claims to be a campaign office but appears to be vacant, and the ownership and payment of rent for his District office located at 2148 North Damen St., also in Chicago. It is believed, from initial investigation, that Rostenkowski may be returning all, or a portion, of the rents paid for these properties to himself.

The captioned matter is receiving the highest priority at WMFO and at the office of the United States Attorney. It is the intent of the prosecutors assigned to this matter, as well as the Department of Justice, to proceed toward returning felony indictments against Rostenkowski, Kolter and Murphy at the earliest possible date and to expeditiously pursue investigation of any other Members who are identified as having participated in this scheme as well as staff employees and or associates who may have assisted or participated in any criminal activity.

The above is provided for informational purposes and to update Chicago as it is anticipated that additional leads for the Chicago Field Division will be forthcoming. Chicago's assistance in this matter to date has been outstanding and leads have been thoroughly covered in an expeditious manner which has greatly enhanced this investigation.

WMFO greatly appreciates Chicago's assistance in this matter.

# Rostenkowski caught between powerful forces

FROM COMBINED DISPATCHES

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dan Rostenkowski faces two serious challenges to his power from a Justice Department investigation and disgruntled colleagues.

The Chicago Democrat, whose role as chief

tax writer makes him one of the most powerful men in the House, is poised to play a key role in the coming year as gatekeeper to President-elect Clinton's economic and health care proposals.



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House Democrats, responding in part to complaints that Mr. Rostenkowski seemed more responsive to President

responsive to President Bush than fellow Democrats over the past two years, voted to check the powers of all committee chairmen.

Fifty-three of the 258 Democrats expressed special displeasure with Mr. Rostenkowski, casting secret ballots to end his reign.

And two publications carried reports last week of possible fiscal impropriety by Mr. Rostenkowski, who earlier this year used the Fifth Amendment shield against self-incrimination before a grand jury investigating the House post office scandal.

The Chicago Sun-Times reported he spent \$55,000 on stamps at the House post office in the last five years. The newspaper said Mr. Rostenkowski had rented vacant space in a house owned by himself and his sister with \$73,000 in campaign funds, which violates no law.

Time Mazagine reported investigators believe stamp purchases by Mr. Rostenkowski and others may be part of a larger scheme to launder campaign funds and convert them for personal use.

Subpoenas issued in the case have made it clear that investigators are looking into whether lawmakers or their aides illegally channeled campaign contributions through the House post office, the magazine says.

Since Jan. 22, The Washington Times has published a number of articles on wrong-doing at the post office, including allegations that members of Congress converted stamps for cash, used post office employees for non-postal functions, circumvented restrictions on franked mail and made use of special post office boxes to collect campaign contributions:

The Times, citing government records, has reported apparent discrepancies in campaign postage and printing expenditures by

Mr. Rostenkowski and other Democratic congressmen.

According to House records and federal campaign reports, for example, Mr. Rostenkowski purchased \$16,750 worth of postage stamps with campaign funds during the 1989-1990 election cycle — enough to mail 67,000 first-class letters or more than twice as many bulk-mail circulars — even though he had no opponents. A first-class-mail stamp was then 25 cents.

The congressman's campaign printing, stationery and envelope disbursements for the same period totaled less than \$2,000.

District of Columbia U.S. Attorney Jay Stephens has issued subpoenas to Mr. Rostenkowski and two other House members for their office accounts going back to 1986, including their records involving purchases of postage stamps.

Mr. Stephens told a news conference last week that "substantive progress" was being made in the Rostenkowski and House post office investigations, and that he would pursue them to "an appropriate conclusion."

In the meantime, Mr. Rostenkowski will need to be looking over his shoulder at fellow Democrats. Congressional sources say Democrats tightened up rules covering committee chairman as a shot across the bow of Mr. Rostenkowski and other powerful chairmen.

"It's certainly not viewed that way from here," said a spokesman for Mr. Rostenkowski. "I know of no instance in which the leadership asked him for something and he didn't deliver."

Mr. Rostenkowski's opponents are ready to enumerate cases — but anonymously, a reflection of the Chicago congressman's power on Capitol Hill.

They accuse him of delaying action on extending jobless benefits, which set Democrats on a collision course with Mr. Bush. Mr. Rostenkowski liked to characterize himself as a friend of the president's.

They also say he stalled for a year a vote opposed by Mr. Bush to cut taxes on the middle class and raise them on the rich. Critics say, too, that Mr. Rostenkowski stalled consideration of health care legislation.

"It's all not true," the Rostenkowski spokesman said. "Obviously you can print whatever you want."

The spokesman also said Mr. Rostenkowski has led the way in promising to cooperate with Mr. Clinton's program in the coming year.

His colleagues will be watching, backed up by new rules, including one that requires a vote on removing a chairman if 50 members sign a petition. page, name of r, city and state.)

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### Rostenkowski Probe Grows In Its Scope

Grand Jury Gathering Records of All Funds

By Michael York and Eric Pianin Washington Post Staff Writers

A federal grand jury has broadened its investigation of House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dan Rostenkowski (D-III.), seeking records of all funds he has received or spent during the past several years, according to sources familiar with the inquiry.

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and then I see all these leaks. I think
I'm being tried in the press. They
don't have anything, but it makes me
look guitty," he said.

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In addition, sources said, at least two criminal investigators from the Internal Revenue Service have been assigned to work full time on the investigation here and in Chicago.

Such an investigation usually requires approval by the Justice Department's Tax Division as well as by senior officials of the Internal Revenue Service.

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"CNN reported last night that the grand jury is investigating "possible income tax violations," and quoted sources saying that "felony charges including tax fraud may soon be brought."

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". "The fact is, they've subpoenaed a lot of paper," a Rostenkowski aide said yesterday. "It [the investigation] has been pretty broad. They've laid their hands on just about any conceivable thing."

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The federal probe has examined the purchase of more than \$55,000

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worth of stamps by Rostenkowski's campaign and congressional office, as well as allegations that some vouchers that were supposed to be used for stamps were exchanged for cash.

The probe also is examining more than \$73,000 in payments made by Rostenkowski's campaign committees since 1986 to rent office space in a building adjacent to Rostenkowski's North Side Chicago house. Rostenkowski, and his two sisters jointly own the building.

Stephens has said the grand jury also is investigating possible obstruction of justice, and sources said yesterday that inquiry focuses on whether Rostenkowski, several of his aides and their lawyers have improperly agreed to impede the investigation.

At least two of the lawyers for Rostenkowski aides have been paid with funds from the congressman's

campaign or from a political action committee controlled by Rostenkowski, the sources said. While such financial arrangements are not illegal, the sources said, an agreement to withhold evidence could violate federal law.

House counsel Steven Ross declined to comment Thursday about the legal representation of Rostenkowski aides, but sources familiar with the defense said it is not unusual, or improper, for lawyers and witnesses to share information about the investigation among themselves while at the same time declining to cooperate with the grand jury.

The grand jury met for four hours Thursday and heard testimony from several witnesses, including Robert J. Leonard, former chief counsel and staff director of the Ways and Means Committee. Leonard, who spent nearly three hours with the jury, was accompanied by Ross and two other House lawyers.

House Sergeant-at-Arms Werner

Brandt and the director of House members' payroll, George Chapin, also made brief appearances before the grand jury, apparently to deliver subpoenaed documents. Ways and Means Committee, press secretary James M. Jaffe also is scheduled to testify before the grand jury.

At least 18 aides in Rostenkowski's congressional office and on the committee staff were supoenaed by the grand jury between Nov. 6 and Dec. 31, according to formal notices filed this week with House Speaker Thomas S. Foley (D-Wash.).

The grand jury previously subpoenaed expense vouchers dating from 1986 to April 1992 for Rostenkowski and two others, Rep. Austin J. Murphy (D-Pa.) and former representative Joe Kolter (D-Pa.), who also are being investigated for possible misuse of youchers written for postage stamps.

Staff writer Edward Walsh in Chicago contributed to this report.

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# Besieged at the Pinnacle of Power

### Ways and Means Chairman Rostenkowski Dogged by Ethics Questions as He Starts 18th Term

By Edward Walsh and Eric Pianin

During the first week of the new year, Rep. Dan Rostenkowski (D-III.) celebrated his 65th birthday and began his 18th term in Congress. He is at the pinnacle of power, and after 12 often frustrating years of déaling with Republican presidents he can look forward to a burst of legislative activity under a new Democratic chief executive when Bill Clinton takes office on Jan. 20.

So how is the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee

feeling these days?

"He feels sort of besieged." said a

Rostenkowski aide on Capitol Hill.

In fact, these are far from the best of times for the gruff Chicago Democrat who has held public office since the age of 24. In Washington, a federal grand jury is investigating whether Rostenkowski used unusually large, purported purchases of stamps from the House Post Office in an elaborate money-laundering scheme to convert campaign contributions and office expense vouchers into personal funds. That investigation has been broadened to include subpoenas of records of virtually all of Rostenkowski's financial transactions in recent years.

In Chicago, the Sun-Times has been in hot pursuit of Rostenkowski, most recently questioning why his campaign organization is paying \$1,250 a month to rent an apparently little-used office in a building owned by the congressman and his sister, who lives in an apartment above the storefront office.

No one likes to be a punching beg. Rostenkowski said in a telephone interview from his home in Chicago. He described himself as "the continuing grand jury investigation and its possible impact on his leadership role in Congress.

"I want to be a strong leader and chaftman," he said. "I want to participate. That's why I ran again after 34 years. I didn't need 36 years."

The federal probe of allegations that Rostenkowski may have illegally pocketed nearly \$56,000 in public and campaign funds through an arrangement with House Post Office officials has left many of his



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Democratic and Republican colleagues baffled and disbelieving. Why, some ask, would a powerful

Why, some ask, would a powerful political figure who could have retired this year and lawfully kept more than \$1 million in his campaign war chest risk all by chiseling on the purchase of postage stamps?

"As far as any of us are concerned, it's a non-issue," said Rep. Benjamin C. Cardin (D-Md.), a member of the Ways and Means Committee.

A similar skepticism exists among Rostenkowski allies in Chicago. "The initial reaction of people is that this is impossible," said Alderman Patrick J. O'Connor. "He had all that money in the campaign fund and he could have taken it. [The Post Office allegation] seems kind of inconsequential and most people are saying it doesn't make

Because of a change in the this month marked the last this retiring members of Congress countretain accumulated campaign funds for personal use. When he took the oath of office as a member of the 103rd Congress last week, Rostenkowski forfeited that right. "He raised his hand and gave away \$1 million," said Chicago banker William M. Daley, the brother of Mayor Richard M. Daley and a Rostenkowski confidant.

Still, U.S. Attorney Jay B. Stephens is pressing ahead and appar-

ently widening the investigation. Last week he began calling Rostenkowski aides before the grand jury. And while Rostenkowski's friends are quick to point to the forgone campaign funds as evidence that he is not driven by a desire to enrich himself, Rostenkowski has never fully explained why a member of Congress who enjoys free mailing privileges would need thousands of dollars in stamps.

In the recent telephone interview, Rostenkowski, citing his lawyers' advice, said he would not discuss the House Post Office investigation. He said he offered to meet informally with prosecutors and again cited his lawyers' advice as the reason he refused last summer to testify before the grand jury. Asked if there is a plausible explanation for his large stamp purchases, he said, "I think so."

Rostenkowski's allies in Chicago and in Washington hope that is the case, for the importance of the man they call "Rosty"—both to his city and his party—has never been greater. When Clinton bypassed William Daley for the post of transportation secretary, it left Chicago without a representative in the president's Cabinet for the first time in decades. Should the city's most powerful member of Congress then be toppled by the grand jury investigation, "that would be a tremendous blow to Illinois and Chicago," said Daley, reflecting the views of downtown business and political leaders.

But not everyone sees Rostenkowski that way. According to David Axelrod, a Chicago poli cal consultant who worked for Rostenkowski in the Democratic primary last March, there is "a vast disparity between the two worlds" of Rostenkowski's life in Washington and Chicago. "He's exalted in Washington," Axelrod said. "He comes back here and he's just another old ward committeeman."

In November, running against a political unknown, Rostenkowski won 57 percent of the vote, a respectable showing but well below the overwhelming landslide margins he has enjoyed against hapless Republican opponents in the past. There were mitigating circumstances: He was beaten up by his primary opponent's negative campaign; he was a longtime incumbent in a year in which many other incumbents didn't survive; and about 80 percent of his district was new territory, including areas where Rostenkowski's antiabortion stance was unpopular.

But, Axelrod said, "there's been damage, no question about it. Right now the only stories you see associated with his name are negative. The question is what happens when he starts to move health-care reform and other major legislation through Congress."

Rostenkowski, who has chaired the Ways and Means Committee since 1981, is being counted on by many to play a crucial role in guiding Clinton's fiscal and health-care proposals through Congress.

By all accounts, he has quickly developed a close working relation-See ROSTENKOWSKI, A7. Col. 1



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Rep. Dan Rostenkowski (D-III) asked a federal court yesterday to prevent what he called prosecution leaks in a grand jury investigation of the House Post Office, an aide to the lawmaker said.

The motion was immediately placed under seal by the chief judge of U.S. District Court, John Garrett Penn. The judge's chambers said court rules require that all grand jury matters be sealed.

Rostenkowski, has acknowledged the grand jury is investigating his purchase of stamps at the House Post Office to determine whether he illegally obtained cash through stamp transactions. But he has denied any wrongdoing and accused U.S. Attorney Jay B. Stephens, a Republican, of conducting a political fishing expedition.

A Rostenkowski aide said the lawmaker's attorneys objected to placing the motion under seal, adding that Rostenkowski originally intended to make it public.

A number of news stories, quoting sources, have said that the original investigation of possibly illegal stamp transactions has expanded significantly. Areas now under investigation, according to the stories, include Rostenkowski's tax, financial and campaign records, campaign payments for office space in a Chicago building owned by the Rostenkowski family and alleged attempts to obstruct the probe.

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## Scandals tax Rostenkowski

#### **Dealings** are target of probe

By Leslie Phillips USA TODAY

Dan Rostenkowski, a con-summate Washington insid-er, finds himself at the center of a criminal investigation as he prepares to steer the in-coming Clinton administration's crucial economic and health-care proposals through Congress.

Rostenkowski is the gruff, 18-term Democratic con-gressman from Chicago, longtime chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means committee and one of Washington's most influential elected officials

elected officials.

But he's in hot water:

A series of Chicago SunTimes articles criticized him
for spending \$73,000 in campaign money for renting office space in a building he coowns. Rostenkowski said the space was a campaign office. The Sun-Times questioned

the use of the room, saying the arrangement was "slea-zy." House members aren't allowed to use campaign

allowed to use campaign money for personal use.

> He also came under fire after the paper reported he insed the \$55,000 supposedly used to purchase stamps from the House Post Office.

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Time magazine said he was the worst of the House members, pretending to buy massive amounts of stamps in a plot to transfer campaign funds to their personal use.

Rostenkowski denies wrongdoing. He has accused U.S. Attorney Jay Stephens, a



By H. Darr Belser, USA TODAY BESIEGED: Rep. Dan Rostenkowski has been linked to the House post office scandal and criticized on campaign funds.

The chairman's just going to fight back. He's been getting slowly bled white by these leaks and he feels it's time he defend himself.

Republican, of political witch-hunting and excessive ambition. Stephens has refused to comment on the Ros-

fused to comment on the Rostenkowski probe. Rostenkowski filed a motion this week to prohibit the Justice Department from — he claimed — leaking grand jury information.
"It's not only brazen, it's illegal." says Rostenkowski's press secretary Pat Jones about the reported leaks.
"The chairman's just going

fight back," Jones says. "He's been getting slowly bled white by these leaks and he feels it's time that he de-

ne reels it's time that he de-fend himself."

"Rostenkowski is a su-preme pork politician," says Chicago political consultant Don Rose, who informally advised his Democratic pri-

mary opponent last year.

"He's a classic machine
pol in this regard ... and the
way of the Chicago machine politician is to beat the game. It doesn't matter if you're

heating the game for pennies, nickels or dimes." Chicago media consultant David Axelrod, who worked on behalf of Rostenkowski in

on behalf of Rostenkowski in the last campaign, has a dif-ferent point of view.
"This guy's got some big is-sues on his mind." Axelrod says. "The notion of him sit-ting down there plotting and scheming to get \$500 in walking around money is crazy. It just doesn't make sense." Rostenkowski's decision to

run for an 18th term last year means he forfeits \$1 million

in campaign funds he could've kept had he retired. First elected to the House in 1959. Rostenkowski enjoyed comfortable victory

joyed comfortable victory margins for years — often running unopposed. But the 1992 election was its hardest race. He had a primary opponent for the first time in his career and he won his general election in November by his smallest winning margin ever — winning mer with only 59% of votes. During the course of the post office investigation, six postal employees have pleaded guilty and former post-

postal employees have plead-ed guilty and former post-master Robert Rota resigned. Rostenkowski and Reps. Austin Murphy and Joe Kolter, both Democrats from Pennsylvania, were subpoenaed before a grand jury last summer but invoked their Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination

Aides to the congressmen have since been subpoenaed and questioned.

The investigation "is clear-ly already interfering with his ability to run his commithis ability to run his commit-tee and move legislation through Congress, by his own admission," says Heritage Foundation congressional an-alyst David Mason.
"He's distracted as one nat-urally would be," he says. Democratic Caucus rules would require Rostenkowski to step down as chairman of Ways and Means if indicted. Starthers who serves at

Stephens, who serves at the pleasure of the president,

the pleasure of the president, surely will be replaced within the next several months. But his Democratic replacement might find it difficult to end a longstanding investigation that also has an impaneled grand jury.

Any decision to indict a po-

litical figure as prominent as Rostenkowski would likely need approval from high Justice Department officials.

But the incoming Demo-cratic president might be ex-pected to remain uninvolved to maintain the appearance of impartiality.

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